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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN

SUBJECT: CLOSING OF YOKOHAMA CONSULAR OFFICE

1. CONGEN CROSSON AND CONSUL CUMMINGS PERSONALLY CALLED ON MAJOR U.S. CARRIERS OR AGENTS IN YOKOHAMA YESTERDAY PLUS NMU, SIU AND UNITED SEAMENS SERVICE REPS TO DISCUSS CLOSING YOKOHAMA CONSULAR OFFICE OCT 1, 1973 IN ACCORDANCE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDATION. APL AND US LINES REPS WERE UNAVAILABLE BUT WILL BE VISITED NEXT WEEK. PURPOSE OF CALLS WAS TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR CLOSURE AND HOPEFULLY OBTAIN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. EACH OFFICE VISITED WAS FURNISHED STATISTICAL SUMMARY SHOWING A DROP OF SOME 40 PERCENT IN SHIPPING AND SEAMENS SERVICES IN LAST TWO YEARS. THIS SPECIAL PERSONAL EFFORT SEEMED TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT RESULT. WHILE THE OWNERS OR AGENTS AND UNIONS WERE DISAPPOINTED IN THE CLOSURE IT APPEARED THERE WILL BE NO STRONG OR ORGANIZED OPPOSITION SUCH AS THAT WHICH OCCURRED THREE YEARS AGO. EMB EXPECTS THERE MAY STILL BE SOME PROTESTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES BUT HOPES THAT ITS EFFORTS TO EXPLAIN NECESSITY AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO SEND CONSULAR OFFICER TO YOKOHAMA TO HANDLE ANY MAJOR PROBLEM OR EMERGENCY WILL SOFTEN SOME OTHERWISE HOSTILE VOICES.

2. AS INDICATED OUR RESPONSE TO 1973 INSPECTION REPORT, EMB HOPES TO CLOSE YOKOHAMA OFFICE ON OCT 1 AND TRANSFER TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO TOKYO UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS.

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3. EMB WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S VIEWS SOONEST AS ANNOUNCEMENT

RE CLOSURE SHOULD BE SENT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NO LATER THAN  
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